



Complete Summary

TITLE

Child and adolescent major depressive disorder: percentage of patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder who were interviewed directly by the evaluating clinician on or before the date of diagnosis.

SOURCE(S)

Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement®. Child and adolescent major depressive disorder physician performance measurement set. Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA); 2008 Sep. 30 p. [13 references]

Measure Domain

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percentage of patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder who were interviewed directly by the evaluating clinician on or before the date of diagnosis.

RATIONALE

A clinical interview with the child or adolescent is recommended as an essential element to diagnose depression. Furthermore, treatment "outcomes are significantly better when the informant [is] the youngster when compared with their parents."

The following clinical recommendation statements are quoted verbatim from the referenced clinical guidelines and represent the evidence base for the measure:

The evaluation should include direct interviews with the child and parents/caregivers and, ideally, with the adolescent alone. (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry [AACAP], 2007)

The clinical interview of the child provides the setting for the direct exploration of the child's own perceptions of the presenting problem and the assessment of the child's overall developmental and mental status...the direct interview with the child provides information that may not be available from other sources, for example, the degree of the child's personal suffering, information concerning affects and mental phenomena which may not be observable (e.g., anxiety, suicidal thoughts, obsessional thoughts, hallucinations), and secrets such as antisocial activities or sexual abuse. (AACAP, 1997)

If the screening indicates significant depressive symptomatology, the clinician should perform a thorough evaluation to determine the presence of depressive and other comorbid psychiatric and medical disorders. Since most children and adolescents presenting to treatment are experiencing their first episode of depression, it is difficult to differentiate whether their depression is part of unipolar major depression or the depressive phase of bipolar disorder. Certain indicators such as high family loading for bipolar disorder, psychosis, and history of pharmacologically-induced mania or hypomania may herald the development of bipolar disorder. (AACAP, 2007)

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Child and adolescent major depressive disorder; interview by evaluating clinician

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder

Note: Refer to the original measure documentation for administrative codes.

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Patients who were interviewed directly by the evaluating clinician on or before the date of diagnosis

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Evidence Supporting the Measure

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Practice parameters for the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents with depressive disorders.](#)

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Individual Clinicians

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Ages 6 through 17 years

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Getting Better

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

All patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

All patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder

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Exclusions

None

RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Patients who were interviewed directly by the evaluating clinician on or before the date of diagnosis

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Exclusions

None

MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data
Medical record

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Measure #1: interview of adolescent or child.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[The Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Measurement Sets](#)

MEASURE SET NAME

[Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder Physician Performance Measurement Set](#)

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ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

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MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Measure #1: Interview of Adolescent or Child," is published in "Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder Physician Performance Measurement Set." This document and technical specifications are available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the American Medical Association (AMA)-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Web site: www.physicianconsortium.org.

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